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PROPOSALS RECEIVED FOR TRANSPORTATION & DISPOSAL OF FREDERICK COUNTY NON-RECYCLED SOLID WASTE

FREDERICK, MD – On April 23, 2014, the Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority ("Authority"), on behalf of the Frederick Board of County Commissioners, requested proposals for waste management services for non-recycled solid waste received at the Reich's Ford Road transfer station in Frederick County, Md. The request for proposals (RFP) were originally due on June 9, 2014. However, the proposal submission period was extended to June 16, 2014.

The Authority received five responses to the RFP, which are based on disposal of waste in either landfills or waste-to-energy (WTE) facilities. The vendors also had the opportunity to propose on selling power to the county generated from waste (e.g., landfill gas-to-energy or energy from waste facilities) and/or renewable attributes during the waste management contract duration. The RFP also sought proposals to potentially dispose of waste at the waste-to-energy facility being developed by the Authority to be located in Frederick County.

Board President Blaine Young commented, "Frederick County's current trash disposal contract will expire in early 2015 and this board wants to make sure that we have adequate solid waste disposal resources available and under contract. We will carefully review the proposals received for waste transportation and disposal services and select the best alternative based on many factors, including cost, length of agreement and possibly a combination of the options. Please keep in mind that the proposals are for varying lengths of time from facilities that want county trash that can't be recycled and that we are currently trucking out of here to preserve airspace at our landfill."

"How does this process impact the future of our proposed renewable waste-to-energy project? The project could still be part of our solution if we find a partner and the costs are feasible, or we may find that it is more advantageous to sign a long-term agreement with an entity to handle our waste disposal needs. Staff will come back to this board in August with recommendations, and we look forward to further discussion about how to best serve the citizens of Frederick County with a fiscally sound and workable solid waste disposal plan."

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Frederick County currently exports more than 90 percent of the trash received at the Reich's Ford Road landfill and transfer station to landfills in Pennsylvania and Virginia. Currently, Waste Management, Inc., (WM) provides this service to the county through an agreement with the Authority. The waste export contract with WM will terminate on April 25, 2015. The Authority is seeking to enter into a contract with one or more vendors for the service to begin on that date.

The Frederick County Solid Waste Management Plan goals are to protect the health and welfare of citizens and the environment, conserve natural resources, be financially self-sufficient, develop multi-jurisdictional solutions for solid waste management, educate the public about solid waste management and planning issues and maintain the solid waste program.

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